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Ms. Joy Morrissey, Board Chair
Atlanta Citizen Review Board
City Hall Tower, Suite 9100
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: 10-57, Complaint of Melvin Burns

Dear Ms. Morrissey:

I am in receipt of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board's letter, dated March 11, 2011, recommending Sustaining the allegation of excessive force against Officer Victor Guevara, Officer Rodney Jefferson, and Officer Darnell Perry in the complaint identified as 10-57, filed by Mr. Melvin Burns.

The Office of Professional Standards has concluded the investigation and found evidence to Not Sustain the allegation of Maltreatment or Unnecessary Force against the three officers in the incident at 396 Rawson Street on September 23, 2010. An alleged witness to the incident was not available to the investigation for a statement. Consequently, there is insufficient evidence from the contradictory statements and physical evidence, discovered during the course of the Office of Professional Standards' investigation, to conclude that the officers used unreasonable and/or unnecessary force in placing Mr. Burns under arrest.

Major E. B. Dancy, Commander of the Office of Professional Standards, can be contacted at (404) 658-7028, if you have any further concerns regarding this complaint.

Sincerely,

George N. Turner
Chief of Police

cc: Cris Beamud